



CITY OF FORT WAYNE recycling MATTERS

FALL 2016



It's raking season

The leaves are turning yellow, orange, and red. Daylight hours are getting shorter. In the evening, the air is crisp and cool. You know what that means—the chores are about to begin! Meanwhile, the City of Fort Wayne is also getting ready, prepping trucks and staff for the annual curbside leaf pick-up.

This year, the City Street Department will again have two cycles of leaf collection in each neighborhood. Leaf collection will begin on October 17 in the south area, which is generally south of Aboite Center Road, Engle Road, Rudisill Boulevard, and McKinnie Avenue. Crews will then move to the northern third of the City starting on October 24 and then to the central area the week of October 31. A second round of leaf pick-ups will follow. The week of November 21 will be a catch-up week, if needed. All collections will be completed by December 2.

To help leaf pick-up run smoothly in your neighborhood, follow these guidelines:

- Have leaves **ready for collection on the first day of the week** that crews are scheduled to be in your area.
- Rake leaves onto the **park strip** between the side walk and the curb. Please do not rake leaves into the street where they can clog storm drains, causing streets to flood during heavy rains.
- **Do not burn leaves.** Burning leaves within City limits is a violation of City Code §94.70. The fine is \$100 and increases to \$150 if not paid within 30 days.

If you bag your leaves in biodegradable paper bags, please call 3-1-1 for pick-up. Bagged leaves will be picked up within two business days after you call.

Remember—no leaves may be disposed with your garbage. Leaves are only accepted in brown bags and from leaf piles on the park strip.

LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 17 – DECEMBER 2, 2016

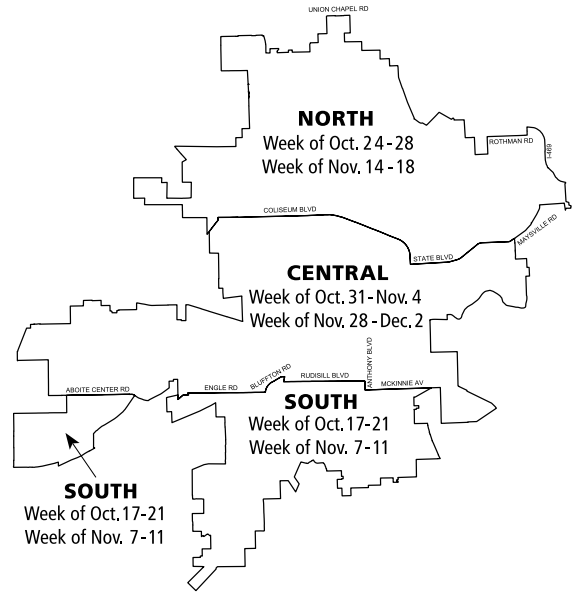
For collection of leaves that have been bagged in biodegradable bags, please call 311. Bags will be picked up within two business days after your call.

For pick up of loose leaves, please have your **leaves raked to the park strip or curb and ready for pick-up on the first day** of your scheduled weeks. The City Street Department will be in your area sometime during those weeks to collect your leaves, weather permitting.

To find out where crews will be picking up leaves each day you may call the Leaf Hotline at 427-2302 during the 7 weeks of leaf pick-up or check the website: www.cityoffortwayne.org/leaves.

SOUTH	NORTH	CENTRAL
Oct. 17 - 21	Oct. 24 - 28	Oct. 31 - Nov. 4
Nov. 7 - 11	Nov. 14 - 18	Nov. 28 - Dec. 2

The shortened week of Thanksgiving, Nov. 21-25, will be a catch-up week. There will be no leaf collection on Friday, November 11 due to the Veterans Day holiday.



Weather conditions or the volume of leaves in a particular area may cause the planned schedule to change. Any necessary updates will be posted at www.cityoffortwayne.org/leaves. You may also contact the Leaf Hotline at 427-2302 or the Citizen Services Center at 311 with questions.

For a larger version of this map and to see daily collection locations, please visit www.cityoffortwayne.org/leaves.

Neighbors helping neighbors

Sometimes heavy rains can totally overwhelm Fort Wayne's storm sewer system. In autumn, falling leaves can block storm drain inlets causing standing water and localized flooding even during smaller rain storms. You and your neighbors can protect your property and help ensure that emergency and other vehicles have access to your neighborhood by doing the following:



Clear leaves and debris from storm drains to minimize localized flooding during heavy rains.

1. Be a good neighbor and remove leaves and other material from the gutters and storm sewer inlets near your home before it rains. This helps prevent street flooding during future rain storms and keeps your neighborhood looking tidy and well maintained.
2. If you notice that your street is flooding, clear accumulated leaves and other debris from storm sewer inlets to keep the water flowing.
3. Manage yard waste properly by keeping it out of the street and storm drain.
4. Never pour chemicals, grease, oil, paint, or any other fluids down storm sewers.

Fort Wayne's Street Department employees will pick up leaves and will clean leaves off the streets, and City Utilities has a program to clean the city's approximately 19,500 inlets about once every three years. But the City also relies on your efforts as a good neighbor to reduce flooding and protect property in your neighborhood.

Are you using our app?



If not, you should be!

We have recently upgraded the Recycle Fort Wayne mobile app. Now, in addition to the handy features that the app has always included, you will receive push alerts, such as notices when there is a delay in service. To take advantage of all of the new features, here's what you need to do:

- On an Apple device, you will be prompted to update the app.
- On an Android, you will need to reinstall the app to receive the updates.

The app still allows you to determine your recycling day and week, set reminders to your calendar, get instant information about what can be placed in your recycle cart, and learn where to recycle items that cannot go in your recycle cart. You'll also receive notifications about holiday collection schedules, leaf collections, and more.

What are you waiting for? Get the upgraded app today!

Learn more at <http://cityoffortwayne.org/publicworks/recyclefw-mobile-app.html>.



See recycling in action

You can learn about recycling in Fort Wayne from the comfort of your easy chair. At the City of Fort Wayne's YouTube channel, www.YouTube.com/user/FortWayneIND, you'll find several helpful, entertaining videos about our local recycling program. Watch "Fort Wayne Pickers," "Seven Weeks with Phyllis," and "Where Does It Go?" as well as the clever video that kicked off our cart recycling program in 2013.



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